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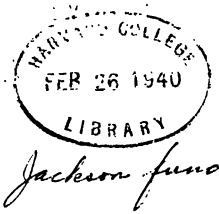

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DEAR BRETHREN,

In the mighty power of God go on, preaching the Gospel to every creature, and discipling them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the Name of Christ preach the mighty day of the Lord, to all the consciences of them who have lain long in darkness and under its chain, where the light shined, but the darkness could not comprehend it. Go on to plant a vineyard, and to plough, that ye may eat the fruit thereof; and to plant in hope, and to thresh in hope: that ye may be made partakers of your hope, and to thresh out the corn, that the wind may scatter the chaff, that the corn may be gathered into the barn. So, in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ preach the

everlasting Gospel, that by his power the sick may be healed, the leprous cleansed, the dead raised, the blind eyes opened, and the devils cast out. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ go on, that that of God in all consciences may witness that ye are sent of God, and are of God; and so according to that speak, to bring up all unto the Head, Christ, and into the life, which gave forth the Scriptures; for there is the unity, and out of it is the confusion. Sound, sound the trumpet abroad, ye valiant soldiers of Christ's kingdom, of which there is no end! all the anti-christs in the kingdoms of fallen men are up in arms against Christ.

G. F. 1656.

My Dear Friends,

In the order and wisdom of life order all things to God's glory, and dwell in the love of God together, all serving one another in love, and in the life of the Truth; and ye that give to the poor, lend to the Lord, and he will give you again with advantage. And so, be ye fruitful in every good work, and be subject one to another in the fear of the Lord, and do that which ye do, in love and peace; and in that keep in the authority and power of God, in kindness. And keep down, and be master over all passion, and the hasty

and cross spirits, and silence that which is sudden; and let love have the pre-eminence in all and over all. And provoke one another to love and to good works, and be diligent in all your places; that ye may be a good savor in the hearts of all, and that the Truth may flow over all. And encourage one another to seek out the poor, and sick, and fatherless, and widow, and imprisoned, and make up their necessities and wants; then there will be nothing lacking. And keep in discerning, that ye may not be ensnared, nor made a prey upon; but that in the power and wisdom of God ye may be kept over all such, and to feel through all states and conditions: that the Lord God may be honored in and by you all, and ye all may be preserved in his power and life to his glory. For your bestowing of outward things to such as stand in need, is the least love, and things of little value, in comparison to the things that are above and immortal. And so, keep over all in which ye have the blessing poured upon you from the Lord God, to clothe and cover you.

G. F. 1659

FRIENDS,

Which have known and tasted of the power of the mighty God of Heaven and earth, and of his light and life, be faithful in the power, light, life, and truth, to the spreading of the truth abroad; with which ye may answer the truth in the inward parts in every one. And dwell in that which binds and chains, and gives you to see over the world; that life, wisdom, and power may reign among you. Be faithful, and spread the Truth abroad, and walk in the wisdom of God; answering that of God in every one: and write, speak, and send books abroad into the countries, and islands, and nations, or main land, as ye are moved; that the sound of the trumpet of the Lord's host may be heard in the nations and islands. So, the God of love, life, and power, and wisdom be with you! And ye that are turned to the Light, and gathered into it, meet together, and keep your meetings, that ye may feel and see the life of God among you, and know that in one another; for that keeps down and lays low all that which is out of the kingdom. They who are turned to the Light, Christ Jesus,—to the Immanuel,—they know the interpretation thereof, "God with us;" who redeems out of transgression, and out of death, darkness, and sin.

G. F.

FRIENDS,

Dwell in the Living Spirit, and quench not the motions of it in yourselves, nor the movings of it in others; though many have run out and gone beyond their measures, yet many more have quenched the measure of the Spirit of God, and have become dead and dull, and questioned through a false fear; so there hath been hurt both ways. Therefore be obedient to the power of the Lord, and his Spirit; war with that Philistine that would stop up your wells and springs: and the belief in the power keeps the spring open; and none to despise prophecy neither to quench the Spirit; so that all may be kept open to the spring, that every one's cup may run over. For you may all prophesy one by one, and the spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets. Would all the Lord's people were prophets, said Moses in his time, when some found fault; but the last time is the Christian's time; who enjoys the substance, Christ Jesus; and his church is called a royal priesthood, offering up spiritual sacrifices; and his church are his believers in the Light. And so in the Light every one should have something to offer; and to offer an offering in righteousness to the living God, else they are not priests: and such as quench the Spirit cannot

offer, but become dull. I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, in the last time, saith the Lord, which is the true Christian's time; God's sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and old men shall dream dreams; and on my servants and handmaids I will pour out of my Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. Now, Friends, if this be fulfilled, servants, handmaids, sons, daughters, old men, young men, every one is to feel the Spirit of God, by which you may see the things of God, and declare them to his praise; for with the heart man doth believe, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation; first, he has it in his heart, before it comes out of his mouth; and this is beyond that brain-beaten heady stuff which man has long studied, about the saints' words which the holy men of God spake forth, as they were moved of the Holy Ghost.

So with the Holy Ghost, and with the light and power of God, do you build upon Christ, the Foundation, and Life; and by the same heavenly Light, and Power, and Spirit, do you labor in the vineyard, and do you minister and speak forth the things of God, and do you dig for your pearls; therefore bring them forth, and let them be seen how they glister

Friends, you see how men and women can speak enough for the world, for merchandize, for husbandry, the ploughman for his plough; but when they should come to speak for God, they quench the Spirit, and do not obey God's will.

But come, let us see what the wise merchants can say: have they found the pearl and field, and purchased the field which yields those glorious glistering pearls? let us see, what can you say for God, and that heavenly merchandize? What can the ploughman say for God with his spiritual plough?—is the fallow ground ploughed up? has he abundance of the heavenly seed of life? What can the thresher say? has he gotten the wheat out of the sheaf, the heavenly wheat, with his heavenly flail? And let us see, what can the spiritual ploughman, husbandman, and thresher, say for God: and how have they labored in the vineyard, that they may have their penny? Some are breakers of clods in the vineyard, some are weeders, some are cutting off the brambles and bushes, and fitting the ground, and cutting up the roots with the heavenly axe for the seed; some are harrowing in, some are gathering and laying up the riches. So you may see, here are merchants, ploughmen, har-

rowers, weeders, reapers, and threshers, in God's vineyard, but no one is to find fault with another, but all laboring in their places, praising the Lord, looking on him for their wages,—their heavenly penny of life, from the Lord of Life.

So none are to quench the Spirit, nor to despise prophecy, lest ye limit the Holy One; and every one is to minister as he hath received the grace, which hath appeared to all men, which brings salvation; so that the Lord's grace, his light, and truth, and Spirit, and power, may have the passage and the rule in all men and women; that by it and from it in all, He may have the glory, who is blessed forever and ever. The Lord hath said: From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles. Now mark, Friends, this is a large space, wherein God's Name shall be great; and the Lord further saith: In every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. Now mark, Friends, this heavenly incense, and pure offering, is a spiritual offering, which is to be offered by the Spirit to God, who is a spirit: then here none quenches the Spirit of God in

his own heart; and all such come under the title of the royal priesthood, offering up spiritual sacrifices; which royal priesthood has a Priest that lives forever, Christ Jesus.

And, Friends, do not quench the Spirit, nor abuse the Power: when it moves and stirs in you, be obedient: but do not go beyond, nor add to it, nor take from it; for if you do, you are reproved, either for going beyond, or taking from it. And when any have spoken forth the things of the Lord, by his Power and Spirit, let them keep in the power and Spirit, that keeps them in the humility, that when they have spoken forth the things of God, they are neither higher nor lower, but still keep in the power, before and after; and being obedient to the Spirit of God, it keeps them from deadness, and alive to God, and keeps them in a sense that they do not go beyond and run out, as some you know have done: and all that hath come for want of living in the power of God and in his Spirit, which keeps all things in subjection and in order, and in the true fear of the Lord, always to feel the presence of the Lord with you.

Come, fishermen, what have you caught with your nets? What can you say for God? Your brethren

Peter and John, fishermen, could say much for God! Read in the Acts and you may see; I would not have you degenerate from their spirit.

Shepherds and herdsmen, where are you? What can you say now for God, whose abiding is much in the fields? David, Jacob, and Amos, your fellow-shepherds, and herdsmen, (do you not see?) they could say much for God. I would have you to be like them, and not to degenerate from their spirit.

Come, tradesmen, tent-makers, physicians, and custom-men, what can you say for God? Do you not read that your fellow-tradesmen in ages past could say much for God? Do not degenerate from their spirit. Do not you remember the accusations of the wise and learned Grecians, when the apostles preached Christ among them, that they were called poor tradesmen and fishermen? Therefore be faithful. The preachers of Jesus Christ now, are the same to the wise of the world as then.

G. F. 1669.

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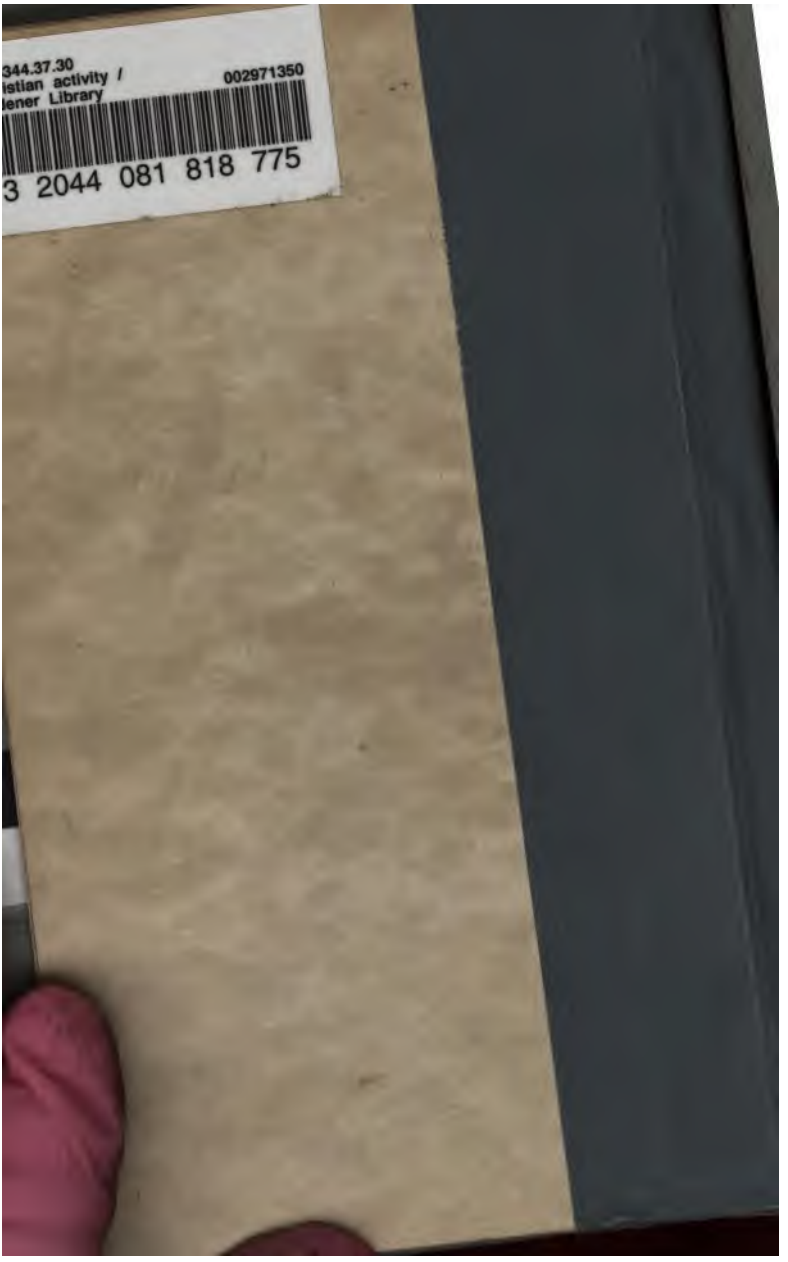
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